

ALEXANDRA DAPOLITO DUNN

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL

Washington, DC
2014 - Present

- Visionary and dynamic chief executive of national 501(c)(6) organization and 501(c)(3) division, *Environmental Research Institute of the States*; recruited by state executive branch officials to represent their collective interests as the gubernatorial appointed U.S. state and territorial environmental commissioners.
- Nationally recognized compelling speaker and author on diverse topics in U.S. environmental law and policy, with particularly honed expertise in water quality and drinking water law, policy and regulation; water infrastructure; states' rights, regulatory development, and increasing government efficiency; energy, waste management, air pollution control, chemicals management, and stakeholder engagement and conflict resolution; and economic development, results measurement, and state environmental budgets and legislation.
- Keen ability to develop and deliver, orally and in written format, clear and meaningful policy positions, to refine and advance advocacy initiatives, and to participate in a variety of federal administrative and other forums, while gaining and maintaining the support of a politically and geographically diverse membership.
- Transformative leader able to adapt and guide organizations to meet future challenges via critical assessment of strategic, organizational, staffing, and fiscal approaches, followed by design and implementation of modernizing changes, while remaining in coordination with governing boards and motivating internal teams.
- Proven in developing partnerships, alliances, and leveraged relationships to maximize effectiveness, recognition, fiscal sustainability, and substantive impact on priority issues; known for establishing productive collaborations with Congress, agencies, business, and non-governmental organizations.
- Efficiently oversee all operations, including investments and budgets, personnel, policies, sponsorships, grants, website and social media presence, fundraising, dues and revenue strategies, board and leadership relations, strategic planning and alliances, conferences, and media engagement.
- *Lecturer in Law*, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law; *Associate Adjunct Professor of Law*, American University Washington College of Law; admitted before U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts; licensed in MD, DC, and NY.

ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER ADMINISTRATORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL

Washington, DC
2010 – 2014

- As national expert in water law and policy, recruited to rebuild 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of the 50 state and six interstate water directors; carried state and interstate voice forward on critical surface water policy, regulatory, and legal issues. Engaged in legislative, regulatory, and substantive advocacy on a full portfolio of issues impacting state water quality programs; cultivated extensive partnerships.
- Developed strategic plan, built an expert staff and involved state leaders; launched website and social media; implemented investment strategy; obtained multi-year funding and enhanced revenue sources.

PACE UNIVERSITY, ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW

White Plains, NY
2007-2010

- Directed *U.S. News* #3 in the U.S. environmental law program and its *Center for Environmental Legal Studies*, designed Masters of Law programs and Juris Doctorate courses in all areas of environmental and energy law.
- Expert on regional and state water quality and quantity issues; spoke and published on clean water policy; oversaw Brazil and China programs; handled student advising, alumni, budgets, grants, and alliances.
- Governance member of *Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies*; *Kheel Center on Resolution of Environmental Interest Disputes*; and *Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities*.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES

Washington, DC, 2001 – 2007

- First in-house General Counsel for non-profit association of municipal clean water agencies serving the majority of the sewered U.S. population, professional affiliates, and supporting organizations.
- Interacted extensively with federal agencies, Congress, media, nongovernmental organizations, and municipal counsel and engineers, worked with Board of Directors and Legal Committee, prepared testimony for commissions and scientific bodies; oversaw a high volume litigation portfolio.
- Identified new revenue sources, developed national workshops and conferences on current and emerging issues; conceived, directed, and published resource guides of significant member value.

AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL

Arlington, VA, 1996 – 2001

- Counsel responsible for litigation, legislative work, and regulatory counseling on environmental topics for companies comprising 90% of U.S. chemical production, case load in U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts.

WINSTON & STRAWN

Washington, DC, 1994 – 1996

- Counsel to business clients on environmental litigation, legislation, and regulation. Summer Associate, 1993.

REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLICATIONS: *The Lawyers' Role in Representing Communities*, chapter in *ISSUES OF LEGAL ETHICS IN THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW*, 2D ED. (ABA, 2017) (w/H. Heineken); *Engines of Environmental Innovation: Reflections on the Role of States in the U.S. Regulatory System*, 32 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 435 (2015) (w/C. Culleen); *Advancing the Environmental Rule of Law: A Call for Measurement*, 21 SW. J. INT'L L. 283 (2015) (w/S. Stillman); *Postcards from the Edge: Perspective to Reinvigorate Clean Water Act Cooperative Federalism*, 4 GEO. WASH. J. ENERGY & ENVTL. L. 68 (2013) (w/M. Boian); *Environmental Justice in Permitting: State Innovations to Advance Accountability*, 81 MISS. L. J. 747 (2012) (w/A. Weiss); *Siting Green Infrastructure: Legal and Policy Solutions to Alleviate Urban Poverty and Promote Healthy Communities*, 37 B.C. ENVTL. AFF. L. REV. 41 (2010); *Investment in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: An Environmental Justice Challenge, a Governance Solution*, 24 NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T 3 (2010) (w/E. Derrington).

SPEAKING: *Testimony*, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, June 2015 (Coal Ash Management); *Testimony*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, February 2015 (Clean Power Plan); *Reacting to Coastal Disasters*, 21st Fall Conference, ABA (2013); Discussion Leader, *Environmental Conflict Resolution*, World Justice Forum IV, The Hague (2013); Paper, *Ownership of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: How Environmental Governance and Rule of Law Can Promote Equity and Justice*, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (AEL), Wuhan, China (2009); Paper, *Using Green Infrastructure to Alleviate Poverty and Promote Healthy Communities: Legal and Policy Solutions for the Urban Environment*, IUCN AEL, Mexico City (2008).

REPORTED CASES: Represented parties, intervenors, or *amicus curiae* in over 25 environmental cases, including *National Ass'n of Home Builders v. Defenders of Wildlife*, 549 U.S. 1105 (2007); *South Florida Water Management District v. Miccosukee Tribe of Indians*, 541 U.S. 95 (2004); *Whitman v. American Trucking Associations, Inc. et al.*, 531 U.S. 457 (2001); *Appalachian Power Co. v. EPA*, 208 F.3d 1015 (D.C. Cir. 2000).

LEADERSHIP: Executive Committee, *American College of Environmental Lawyers*, October 2016-present; Executive Committee, *Environmental Law Institute* (2014-present); first non-profit and second youngest Chair (2013-2014) of the 10,000 member *ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources*; past Officer and member of Circle of Champions, *U.S. Water Alliance*; Fellow, *American Bar Foundation*.

EDUCATION

COLUMBUS SCHOOL OF LAW, Catholic University of America, DC, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 1994.

- Editor-in-Chief, *Catholic University Law Review*; Faculty Award for *Outstanding Woman Law Graduate*

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, Harrisonburg, Virginia, B.A., Political Science & French, *cum laude*, 1989.